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To Whom It May Concern:

As a current student at Washburn University studying elementary and early childhood education, I would like to introduce myself as a teacher candidate. Having lived and attended school in Topeka, Kansas, my entire life, I graduated from high school there in 2008. At this time I knew I wanted to continue my education by attending college, but I was unsure of the career path I wanted to pursue. It was not until a few years later, when I began working at a preschool, that I finally realized what I wanted to do with my life; I belonged in the teaching profession. After seeing how rewarding and challenging it was to work with children, I enrolled in Washburn University where I have been studying elementary and early childhood education ever since.

Throughout my teacher preparation program at Washburn University, I have had the opportunity to observe and teach in several elementary classrooms. The field experiences and practicums have allowed me to work with diverse students of many ages in a variety of different environments. Teaching in kindergarten classrooms and then in a sixth grade classroom truly demonstrated to me how much learning occurs throughout the elementary years. After working with a wide range of students, I have found that each group of students is unique and that I enjoy working with students of all ages and ability levels.

It is with great excitement that I look forward to working with your students, teachers, and school during the student teaching semester. For further information, please contact me via e-mail at <denise.salsbury@washburn.edu> or by phone, 785-670-1473.

Sincerely,

Denise Salsbury